

Testimony

Resolution 20-21

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
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Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony This resolution needs to state clearly that the proposed children's playground will not be located at Ala Moana Beach Park. Instead it is linked to the FEIS which has the location of this proposed playground at Ala Moana Beach Park.

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Agenda Item Resolution 20-21
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Aloha Councilmembers,

Written
Testimony

My name is Dave Watase, I am 60 years old, 4th generation living in Hawaii. I oppose Resolution 20-21 and I am angered that the City is trying to grant an SMA permit for totally unpopular improvements of the Final EIS. I believe the EIS public engagement process was flawed and the concerns of the locals and users of the Ala Moana Beach Park not heard. I am against the "World Class Park", I am against taking away open space at the Park, and I am against perpendicular parking. Ala Moana Beach Park goes back a long ways, it is a popular family gathering place for residents from all over the island. In the 1970's Waikiki got built out and locals got pushed out. Today, we are experiencing a massive building boom in Ala Moana and Kakaako. We desperately need to preserve Ala Moana Beach Park and keep it the way it is and keep it a park for the people. Please vote against approving Resolution 20-21.

Mahalo,
Dave Watase
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Written Testimony

I oppose Resolution 20-21 because this resolution is for the management and improvement of the Ala Moana Park. The proponents of the playground and dog park agreed to relocate to Kakaako because of the tremendous public opposition. Yet these items are still included in this SMA. Why has the council not removed them?? Articles C & D glistens over the playground; while G, H & I outlines the rules applicable to the dog park. Why is the Council approving this SMA in its entirety?? I definitely oppose this Resolution,

Respectfully submitted,
Clara K Morikawa

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Committee
Agenda Item Resolution 20-21
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Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO
RESOLUTION 20-21
BY
JENNIE PETERSON

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Written
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playgrounds.

The proposed addition of another bathroom, in close proximity to an existing bathroom and a new concession very near the current Diamond Head L&L concession, not only takes away from green space and adds expensive infrastructure, it also reduces the likelihood of success of the new concession. Pa'ani Kakou claims the success of this concession is key. Duplication makes no sense.

Also, the placement of a non-permeable feature that covers the natural ground with its inherent drainage advantages is certainly not what is best to counter the inevitable sea level rise and the king tides that already are affecting the park. We need to allow the water to soak in, not pool on playground mats. The salt water will also be very deleterious to the playground equipment. Ka'ka'ako is considerably less prone to ocean inundation besides its many other advantages for hosting the playground.

Perpendicular parking - remove this item from the SMA. Serious safety issues are involved when beach goes back up into a traffic lane with bikes, cars and occasionally pedestrians. Loading and unloading recreational equipment will be more difficult with increased safety risks. Increased parking is already proposed in the Keyhole Parking expansion and will meet parking needs.

In order to accommodate perpendicular parking places trees and grassy areas will need to be removed. It is essential we do everything we can to maintain mature trees in urban Honolulu. More asphalt and less permeable surfaces will contribute to flooding in an area already at risk of king tides and sea level rise.

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TO: Committee on Zoning, Planning and Housing

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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DATE: Thursday, February 6, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution 20-21, SMA Ala Moana Park Improvements – **OPPOSE Playground**
Resolution 20-21, CD1 Proposed by Councilmember Kobayashi - **SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Menor and Councilmembers,

Thank you for allowing testimony on Resolution 20-21, which would grant a Special Management Area Use Permit for improvements at Ala Moana Regional Park.

I oppose the inclusion of the playground.

Please support Councilmember Kobayashi's CD1 which removes the dog park, playground and reconfiguration of parking.

Testimony in Opposition of Resolution 20-21, and in Support of CM Kobayashi's CD1
Committee on Zoning, Planning and Housing
Thursday, February 6, 2020

Chair Menor and Committee Members,

I am Shar Chun-Lum, tax payer and member of Save Ala Moana Beach Park Hui, strongly opposed to Resolution 20-21 in its current form as it calls for Granting the Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit for improvements at Ala Moana Park and Magic Island, as described in the Final EIS, accepted on August 12, 2019, which includes the one-acre playground in the historic grassy open space behind the Diamond Head L & L Concession. Department Communication 33 (D-33), also lists the playground in the SMA Permit Use recommendation.

The public was led to believe that the playground would no longer be in Ala Moana Park based on the December 13, 2019 press conference in Kaka'ako park where Alana Kobayashi from Pa'ani Kākou and Mayor Caldwell affirmed that the playground will move to Kaka'ako near Hawaii Children's Discovery Center. However, **the SMA was not amended to reflect this change. By approving the SMA permit in its current form, the playground can be built at any time in the future without any further input from the public.**

Furthermore, the SMA application and FEIS contain costly, unnecessary and/or unsafe "improvements" that we've opposed such as the Dog park, Perpendicular Parking, and Sand Nourishment/Replenishment. The SMA estimates cost for the 17 improvements at **\$144 million (2016 dollars), \$11 M more than** the FEIS projection of **\$133 M**. No breakdown is provided in either case to reflect what each project will cost to build and there is no estimate of cost of maintenance for these proposed developments. Without discussion of what it will take to upkeep these "improvements", the council should deny this request.

The City has already made the most important improvements the public has asked for—bathroom repair, irrigation, lighting, road resurfacing, etc.—at a cost of more than \$50M.

In place of Res. 20-21, I fully support the new CD1 introduced by CM Ann Kobayashi that contains some of Chair Menor's CD1 improvements, but goes further to remove the dog park, the playground, and the reconfiguration of parking on the mauka side of Ala Moana Park Drive, from the Master Plan going forward (in A). Item G clearly states, "The Applicant shall not construct the dog park, reconfigure the parking on the mauka side of Ala Moana Park Drive, or construct the playground, as represented in the Master Plan, the FEIS, and the Exhibits attached hereto."

I urge this committee to approve CM Kobayashi's CD1 as it clearly addresses the wishes of the people regarding "the people's park" and will save the City a great deal of money now and in the future to apply toward more essential needs.

Bruce Lum
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February 5, 2020

Committee on Zoning, Planning and Housing
City & County of Honolulu
Honolulu Hale
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Re: Support Resolution 20-21 CD1, 2020-184 AK
Oppose Resolution 20-21

Aloha kākou Chair Menor, Vice-Chair Waters and committee members,

I strongly support Reso 20-21 CD1 2020-184 AK and oppose Reso 20-21, because the recommendation for approval of the subject SMA-36 application over-represents the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) of August 12, 2019 and significantly under-represents input submitted for and at the SMA public hearing of December 18, 2019 conducted by DPP.

DPP communication D-33 and supplemental transmittal D-58, on page 10-11 of this committee meeting's agenda, significantly under-represented the verbal comments given at the SMA public hearing and does not include the written comments provided.

Verbal comments on SMA-36 were limited to 2-3 minutes; hardly enough time for the public to individually submit effective and adequate input on the enormously complex AMRP Master Plan FEIS documentation that exceeded 3,500 project and technical documentation. For this reason, the public's individually written comments should have been included in the D-58 supplemental transmittal in order to represent the full SMA input process. Note, that the public burden, for commenting, included thousands of additional pages of associated Federal, State and County guidelines and laws to read through and correlate to the AMRP Master Plan EIS proposed projects!

The following was emailed to each member of this committee for review and consideration, to accommodate seeing, how significant the omission of input was in the SMA-36 process. The online Speaker/Registration would not allow my file attachments (due to file size limit).

1. SMA video/audio of the December 18, 2019 SMA-36 public hearing:
<https://www.facebook.com/choon.james/videos/10220130197820518/>
 - a. My written SMA-36 inputs are attached as:
"PD-R Special Management Area Use Permit Application No. 2019_SMA-36_bruce_lum.pdf"
 - b. "SMA Testimony Bruce_Lum_v1.2 Part II supplement.pdf"

In conclusion I am strongly SUPPORTING Resolution 20-21 CD1 2020-184 AK and OPPOSING Resolution 20-21 as written. If Resolution 20-21 advances, I am recommending:

1. Removal of the proposed playground in the AMRP Master Plan SMA application because the playground is being relocated to Kakaako Makai Park and has been publicly supported by the City Administration and the sponsors of the playground.

2. Removal of the dog park from the AMRP Master Plan SMA application, because the process for it's inclusion needs to be revisited and rethought based on significant under-representation of the facts in the SMA-36 application.
3. Invoking of Ordinance 18-46, because it states, "No improvements to Ala Moana Regional Park shall be made on the Makai side of Ala Moana Park Drive", and to disapprove the proposed Magic Island parking reconfiguration that DPP recommends authorizing in the SMA-36 and the Sand Replenishment and Beach Nourishment projects.
4. Deny approval of the indiscriminate Sand Replenishment and Beach Nourishment (SRBN) project in the AMRP Master Plan SMA until a discriminate SRBN plan and design is produced.
5. Deny approval of the Sand Replenishment and Beach Nourishment (SRBN) project in the AMRP Master Plan SMA until the donor sand is tested for contaminants.
6. At minimum, I am strongly in favor of deferring Resolution 20-21 and recommend that this committee defer voting to allow time to fully consider the alternative Magic Island parking reconfiguration plan being offered by Brad Frye of Mālama Moana and to further consider recommendations #4 and #5.

Mahalo for your kind consideration,

Bruce Lum
Save Ala Moana Beach Park Hui
<https://savealamoanabeachpark.org>

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO
RESOLUTION 20-21
BY
JENNIE PETERSON**

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Council/PH Committee	Zoning
Agenda Item	Reso 20-021
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
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This testimony is submitted as a concerned voter and member of Malama Moana. I am **OPPOSED** to passing Resolution 20-21 for the following reasons:

- 1) The “playground” in the FEIS and carried through to the SMA needs to be removed from consideration. The one-acre accessible playground, proposed by Pa’ani Kakou, a purported non-profit agency consisting of members affiliated with Park Lane luxury condos as a private/public partnership has, by mutual agreement, moved its proposed location to Kaka’ako Waterfront Park. This was announced at a news conference in December, 2019, following considerable grassroots opposition to its location at Ala Moana Beach Park. **The SMA needs to be amended to exclude the playground to reflect this agreement.**
- 2) Perpendicular parking along Ala Moana Park Drive is unsafe, disruptive to traffic flow, and will result in the loss of green space and many mature trees. It is an unnecessary expenditure of taxpayer dollars, especially when more efficient and safe designs exist to provide additional parking spaces (see Brad Frye’s parking proposal). Narrowing the drive will also make it hazardous to pedestrians attempting to cross as they step out from behind perpendicularly parked vehicles. It may also be difficult, if not impossible, for emergency vehicles such as fire trucks to safely reach persons in need of their aid. **The SMA needs to be amended to remove perpendicular parking as safer, less destructive, and more cost-effective alternatives exist.**
- 3) Ala Moana Beach Park, due to its proximity to the ocean, is not the appropriate location for a dog park. This is a Coastal Management Zone and the risk of contamination from dog feces and urine, especially during King Tides and with sea rise of 3-6 feet expected in the near future (10-20 years) is not proper CMZ usage. Additionally, the proposed area is smaller than the best practice size of ½ to 1 acre minimum, inviting overcrowding and potential legal action against the City by injured dog owners. Condo developers ought to provide their own dog parks; the City should not risk our Coastal Management area and water quality by squeezing one into a too small area in a beach park. **The SMA should be amended to remove any mention of a dog park in this CMZ.**
- 4) Sand replenishment requires further study prior to SMA approval. Concerns exist regarding what contaminants will be tested for, the impact of 70,000 cubic yards of sand on the existing wave patterns, fishing practices, etc., and projections regarding the impact of sea level rise on the proposed sand nourishment need to be presented prior to approval of the SMA.

In conclusion, I respectfully submit that Resolution 20-21 should be **OPPOSED**. The SMA requires removal of all references to the FEIS which includes all of the above. Amendments are needed to remove the playground, perpendicular parking, and dog park. It is recommended that the City Council request an extension for decision making to allow time to review alternate parking plans and craft amendments to protect the CMZ. Thank you for your consideration.

Testimony in Opposition to RES. 20-21

I oppose RES 20-21 for a number of reasons beginning with its name. It is Ala Moana BEACH PARK, and like other beach parks around our island and state, it is a park meant for the enjoyment of beach-related activities, where folks picnic, play on the sand and swim, surf and paddle in the kai. It is not a playground or a dog park. We have such parks elsewhere. Ala Moana Beach Park must be maintained in its historical use, that is a beach park in urban Honolulu.

I urge the City Council to

- Remove the playground from the SMA
- Stop the dog park
- Stop the Magic Island parking lot. We must maintain the green center lawn. The mere thought of a multi-level parking lot along the ocean sends shivers up my spine.
- Protect the trees. I loved riding through the park as a child, looking up at the trees as the car rolled along while my grandfather told us stories of his childhood.
- Stop the sand replenishment plan.
- Stop spending tax-payer money to fund unnecessary projects in Ala Moana Beach Park.

Ala Moana Beach Park belongs to the people of the City and County of Honolulu. It is a beach park, not a playground, not a dog park.

Sincerely yours,

Robin Gay P Makapagal

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Zoning
Agenda Item Resolution 20-21
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Malama Moana
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Written
Testimony

On behalf of Malama Moana, I would like to strongly oppose Resolution 20-21 as is. Proposals such as the dog park and perpendicular parking on the mauka side of Ala Moana Park Drive are still being given the green light in the SMA Use Permit Application. They should be taken out due to the many valid reasons given repeatedly regarding safety, health, wasteful spending, unnecessary destruction of green lawn space and tree removal, curb removal and tearing up of the Park Drive, as well as the availability of alternate parking plans at a fraction of the cost.

The Playground as described in the FEIS and SMA should also be taken out since it is no longer being considered in the Ala Moana location. Sand Replenishment plans should be amended or modified to have thorough sand contamination testing for organic and inorganic contaminants done before going ahead with even a modified dredging project. This should be done before even voting on such a plan. Why it was not part of the City's EIS contract with consultant Sea Engineering is a mystery. What the EIS did not do still needs to be addressed such as having alternatives. We have sent a parking proposal for the Keyhole and Magic Island parking lots that allow the Park Drive to be untouched and that leaves the carbon footprint at Magic Island alone.

Instead of tearing up what is there and replacing concrete for grass and trees, this plan leaves the grass and trees alone on the Park Drive as well as in the Magic Island Parking lot. With angled parking, only paint and signage would be needed for 20-25% more parking which gives more parking stalls without destruction and loss of millions of dollars. Clearly more needs to be done with this Resolution before sending it for a vote. Please defer this until these concerns have been addressed before moving it forward. Thank you!

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matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Free Access Coalition
Do you wish to speak
at the hearing? No

Written Testimony The Free Access Coalition opposes this resolution. The general public opposes this resolution. Please leave Ala Moana Park free from encroachments. It's a "People's Park."
Dog parks don't belong at Ala Moana.

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 Your position on the matter Oppose
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 Organization
 Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony Please reconsider the perpendicular parking on the mauka side of Ala Moana Park Rd.
 I believe this parking proposal presents a hazard to pedestrians and cars entering and exiting these type of stalls. People in the park have always parked, unloaded and crossed wherever they please. People have always sped through the park. I do not believe more speed bumps or crosswalks will mitigate all safety issues.
 Where there are people and cars there will always be risks but I believe the existing parallel parking poses the least risk to park users.
 There is at least one idea to maximize the keyhole and Magic Island parking lots to allow for more parking spaces and preserve trees and grassy areas that are so precious. (Not to mention, cost savings.)
 So in closing I oppose Resolution 20-21.
 Thank you.

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RES 20-21, CD1

Thursday, February 6, 2020

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The Special Management Area (“SMA”) use permit for the improvements at Ala Moana Regional Park (“AMRP”) and Magic island is not acceptable in its present form, as it includes the same descriptions used in the Final Environmental Impact statement (“FEIS”) which was accepted on 8/12/2019. Some of these descriptions are, and have been publicly opposed by many concerned citizens, and yet, contrary to well-stated objections, these plans are still included, by reference, in the SMA. The following are the main items that must be removed from Reso 20-21:

- 1) The plans for the world-class children’s playground should be completely deleted from the SMA. Based on the public announcement by the primary supporters for the playground’s location in Ala Moana Regional Park, that they will no longer advocate for its location in AMRP, and the Mayor’s apparent concurrence for the moving of the park to Kaka’ako Makai, the statement in section A of Reso 20-21 must be clarified to state that “general conformity with the Master Plan as described in . . . the Final environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) no longer applies to the plans for the children’s playground in AMRP.
- 2) The perpendicular parking along the mauka side of Ala Moana Park Drive is not acceptable. The Drive is to remain a two-way thoroughfare, It is difficult and dangerous to exit and even enter perpendicular parking stalls. Beach goers, surfers, people who picnic, all have equipment and supplies to unload and move to their park destinations. Perpendicular parking does not lend itself to easy and safe unloading and loading of people’s belongings.
- 3) The sand nourishment plans are incomplete and need further study prior to implementation. No study was done to determine the toxicity levels of the sand to be used for this project. At the very least, this study needs to be completed.
- 4) The proposed reconfiguration of the parking lot at Magic Island should be further reviewed. There are other configurations that will take less time to complete, that will preserve the green space on Magic Island, and will cost less to accomplish.

- 5) Save the trees! Whether it's the perpendicular parking on the makai side of Ala Moana Park Drive, or reconfiguring the Magic Island parking lot, there are trees at risk that must be preserved. Both proposals threaten existing greenery at AMRP. Saving trees means saving money and time.
- 6) In these days of continued, future burgeoning of costs to complete the rail, tax dollars should not be expended on unnecessary projects. The Master Plan for AMRP is already out-dated in terms of projected costs, and more importantly, does not take into account the potential sea level rise which will flood AMRP. In the time left, leave AMRP the last, green, haven for the people to enjoy,

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Agenda Item Resolution 20-21
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony

1. I would like the playground from the SMA.
2. Please stop the idea of perpendicular parking. When participating in a walking function, due to the number of participants, walking on the roadway at times was necessary. If perpendicular parking was in placed, it would have been even more dangerous and unsafe for avoiding the congestion.
3. Stop the dog park at Ala Moana Beach Park. The cost to maintain the upkeep is a cost I would not wish my taxes be used.
4. Stop Magic Island parking reconfiguration.

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Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

There have been several testimonies submitted for this overall master plan from the FEIS, SMA, and now this resolution questioning and opposing different parts of this master plan. I applaud the efforts to move to improve our Ala Moana Regional Park but the proposed plans have not addressed concerns raised by many. The overall issue is that citizens and park users have concerns that have not been addressed center on public safety, public health, cultural and environmental preservation and fiscal responsibility.
This SMA and resolution as it currently stands continues to impose changes without transparency nor answers to questions and concerns the public have.

Written Testimony

My main concern for the current SMA center on four areas:

- SMA 2.2.14 - One-acre playground remains and in the public hearing for the SMA, the plans still are open for placing a playground in the park despite the lack of any plans for design, maintenance, and budget.
- SMA 2.2.1 - Dog park near Kewalo Basin without consideration to guidelines developed locally and nationally for dog parks. These guidelines address both animal and human safety and health issues.
- SMA 2.2.6 - Parking expansion in particular along Ala Moana Park Drive and Magic Island Parking which plans to remove green space and trees as well as impose unsafe conditions for park users. Alternatives have been proposed which would provide more parking, safer conditions, less expense and preserve green space and trees in the park.
- SMA 2.2.13 - Sand replenishment which has not addressed the concerns around contaminants in the area the sand is mined and the indiscriminate placement of sand which do not address environmental and public health concerns.

In the FEIS and this SMA, there is mention of a proposed \$144 million dollars (in 2016 dollars) for this master plan which has not provided a breakdown of hat is considered in this estimate.

As this resolution stands now, I have to oppose this resolution. However, an extension could be proposed in the form of a deferment until questions and issues have been addressed then mindful amendments could be placed in this resolution to address the concerns we, th public, have with this master plan.

Keep it clean, keep it green.
Keep it a park for the people.

Thank you.

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Council/PH Committee Zoning
Agenda Item 20-21
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony I have seen the addition to res.20-21 and support removal of the playground, parking reconfiguration and dog park from the current permit request. I thank Councilwoman Kobayashi for her continued support of Ala Moana Park users.
Thank you.

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Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

I support CD1 to Resolution 20-21 written by Councilmember Ann Kobayashi. Thank you Councilmember Kobayashi for writing this amendment. Perpendicular parking will create slower traffic flow thru Ala Moana Beach Park main drive. The Keyhole expansion parking will add additional parking and keep the traffic flow away from the main drive. There is enough parking in the park for daily events. It is only Lantern Floating that requires substantial amount of parking. Everywhere on this island we deal with parking. Unnecessary to change the flow of the existing mauka parallel parking. Dog park at Ala Moana Beach Park will take away green space that is used for picnics, invites dogs on the beach and the park that prohibits animals and contribute to congestion in a multi use park. The Playground should not be built at Ala Moana Beach Park because there are other areas in Kakaako that are under utilized. We love Ala Moana Beach Park for what it is. The park maintenance staff does an excellent job at keeping the trash receptacles emptied and the bathrooms stocked with toilet paper. Thank you for this opportunity to provide written support to CD1 to Resolution 20-21.

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O'ahu Island Parks Conservancy

Ala Moana Park Redevelopment Special Management Area Permit

**City Council Resolution 20-21
Zoning, Planning and Housing Committee Hearing
Thursday, February 6, 2018
9:00 AM**

Aloha Committee Chair Menor, Vice Chair Waters and Committee Members:

The O'ahu Island Parks Conservancy **strongly opposes** approval of a Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit for the proposed redevelopment of historic Ala Moana Park and Magic Island.

Hawaii's Coastal Zone Management program (Chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statutes) follows the Federal Coastal Zone Management Program (CZM) for the clear purposes of protecting, restoring and responsibly improving and caring for Hawai'i's significant coastal resources, including comprehensive and integrated resource management as well as ecosystem management. Therefore each component of any proposed development, such as the present Ala Moana Park redevelopment proposal, must be considered as it affects the entire resource, and any negative development impacts, be they moderate or significant, must be considered together as cumulative impacts to the coastal resource.

Ala Moana Park is a significant historic landscape and shoreline park with unique historic structural features, and this important shoreline park's historic landscape and features must be properly restored, protected and preserved to retain and sustain its historic character and integrity. But while there appears to be an objective to accomplish this for some elements within this historic landscape, unwarranted and unacceptable deviations are proposed for others.

The O'ahu Island Parks Conservancy is particularly concerned about the potential negative effects on the Park's significant historic and recreational open space resources by specific redevelopment actions presently proposed, including the following:

- Expanding the compatibly designed Keyhole parking circle into a heat-radiating, sea-of-asphalt parking lot consuming a major central portion of Ala Moana Park's historic landscape and green open space.
- Covering the Park's historic canal with expansive hardscape pedestrian bridges leading to a barren landscape formerly bestowed with shade trees and framed with historic walls.
- Introducing a "dog park" and shoreline dog waste disposal facility into the Lei of Green connection between Ala Moana Park and Kewalo Basin Park.
- Impacting the historic recreational lawn bowling area with any structural "multi-use facility," undefined or otherwise.
- Defacing the historic Roosevelt Portals with commercialized bicycle infrastructure blight.
- Consuming the Park's historic recreational open space with a carnival theme park tourist attraction to supplement an adjacent private developer's park dedication requirement under the guise of a "non-profit" venture with the city.

Protective Laws

Hawaii Revised Statutes §205A-2

Coastal zone management program; objectives and policies.

Historic Resources - Protect, preserve, and, where desirable, restore those natural and manmade historic and prehistoric resources in the coastal zone management area that are significant in Hawaiian and American history and culture.

- Support State goals for protection, restoration, interpretation, and display of historic resources.

Scenic and Open Space Resources - Protect, preserve, and, where desirable, restore or improve the quality of coastal scenic and open space resources.

- Identify valued scenic resources in the coastal zone management area;
- Ensure that new developments are compatible with their visual environment by designing and locating such developments to minimize the alteration of natural landforms and existing public views to and along the shoreline;
- Preserve, maintain, and, where desirable, improve and restore shoreline open space and scenic resources.

Coastal Ecosystems - Protect valuable coastal ecosystems, including reefs, from disruption and minimize adverse impacts on all coastal ecosystems.

- Exercise an overall conservation ethic, and practice stewardship in the protection, use, and development of marine and coastal resources;
- Preserve valuable coastal ecosystems, including reefs, of significant biological or economic importance;
- Minimize disruption or degradation of coastal water ecosystems by effective regulation of stream diversions, channelization, and similar land and water uses, recognizing competing water needs;
- Promote water quantity and quality planning and management practices that reflect the tolerance of fresh water and marine ecosystems and maintain and enhance water quality through the development and implementation of point and nonpoint source water pollution control measures.

Coastal hazards - Reduce hazard to life and property from tsunami, storm waves, stream flooding, erosion, subsidence, and pollution.

- Develop and communicate adequate information about storm wave, tsunami, flood, erosion, subsidence, and point and nonpoint source pollution hazards.

Marine resources - Promote the protection, use, and development of marine and coastal resources to assure their sustainability.

- Ensure that the use and development of marine and coastal resources are ecologically and environmentally sound and economically beneficial.

Hawaii Revised Statutes §205A-21

Special Management Area Use Permit Findings and purposes. The legislature finds that, special controls on developments within an area along the shoreline are necessary to avoid permanent losses of valuable resources and the foreclosure of management options, and to ensure that adequate access, by dedication or other means, to public owned or used beaches, recreation areas, and natural reserves is provided. The legislature finds and declares that it is the state policy to preserve, protect, and where possible, to restore the natural resources of the coastal zone of Hawaii.

Revised Ordinance of Honolulu Chapter 25 Special Management Area

It is the City and County of Honolulu's policy to preserve, protect, and where possible, to restore the natural resources of the coastal zone of Hawaii. Special controls on development within an area along the shoreline are necessary to avoid permanent loss of valuable resources (and) avoid or minimize damage to natural or historic special management area wetlands wherever prudent or feasible.

Hawaii State Register of Historic Places **Ala Moana Park Designation of Historic Significance**

Ala Moana Park is a significant historic shoreline landscape with historic features and structures.¹ As such, Ala Moana Park is listed on the Hawaii State Register of Historic Places as a significant historic property.² The following significant landscape elements and architectural features, designed by Honolulu's renowned landscape architects of the 1930's, Catherine J. Richards Thompson and Robert O. Thompson, and architect Harry Sims Bent, are described in this protective designation:

- A mile-long white sand beach and oceanfront swimming area carved from the fringing offshore coral reef.
- A spacious landscaped open space of lawns alternating with massed foliage including banyans, palms, and flowering tropical trees.
- Lagoons on both the east and west side of the Park:
 - The east lagoon is Oriental, "in the characteristic Chinese and Japanese manner."
 - The west lagoon is Hawaiian, "featuring native palms and plants."
- A canal along the mauka side of the Park (completed in 1934).
- An equestrian (pedestrian) bridge crossing the canal with a "playful semi-circular form" and inclined approaches.
- A curved park drive parallel to and near the beach.
- Gateway portals with curved and angular shapes, scalloped walls and wedge indentations (completed in 1934).
- Tennis courts, dressing rooms and showers.
- A lawn bowling green enclosed by a wide coral stone walkway and five-foot decorative cement brick wall with rounded corners and curved brick benches inside each curve (completed in 1939).
- A banyan courtyard within a modest stucco walled open pavilion paved with coral stone flagging, with a gabled roof and two wall murals depicting the Hawaiian makahiki, two marble wall sculptures, and six intricately detailed planters and benches with banyan trees, surrounded by exotic reflecting pools (completed in 1937).
- The McCoy Pavilion at the Diamond Head side of the banyan courtyard (completed in 1975).

As described, the Park "stands as the crowning achievement of the golden age of Honolulu park-building during the 1930's."

¹ 1988 "Ala Moana Park" Registration Description and Statement of Significance

² Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division Historic Site Number 80-14-1388.

Proposed Ala Moana Park Redevelopment Cumulative Negative Impacts



Ala Moana Park SMA Application Reference Map

1. Intrusive Sea-of-Asphalt Hardscape Expansion of Parking Surfaces within the Ala Moana Park Historic Landscape and Contiguous Peninsula (Proposals 4 and 7)

Ala Moana Park and its shoreline pedestrian pathway was designed in the 1930's by renowned Honolulu historic landscape architects Catherine J. Richards Thompson and Robert O. Thompson, who "believed that future use of the Park should not be a parking lot, but a place for active recreation and aesthetic enjoyment."

The original Ala Moana Park plans in the 1930s had no parking lots and only a few parking stalls in the central circular Keyhole area. Mass parking was introduced into the park landscape in the 1960's "to capitalize on the tourist industry" and the Magic Island parking lot was added in the 1970s. Now the city wants to a) redevelop the historic and compatibly designed circular Keyhole parking area into an impervious asphalt hardscape for over 100 additional cars to span across the Park's present green open space toward Ala Moana Boulevard, as well as

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Existing



Proposed

Magic Island Parking Surface Expansion

The city administration appears to be at cross-purposes by proposing to cover the central portion of the Park with a sea of asphalt paving, bending in the opposite direction of its obligation to present and future generations to restore, protect and preserve Ala Moana Park's historic landscape and features. Ironically, with this proposal the city is catering to cars at the expense of Ala Moana Park's historic sense of place as a green shoreline recreational open space for active park users.

The proposed expansions of these accessory elements fly in the face of emerging environmental and climate change policies to reduce, not expand, heat-reflecting impervious surfaces. This should be disclosed in the SMA permit application together with underground water sources within Ala Moana Park boundaries and the Magic Island peninsula, and the adverse effects on shoreline water quality from impervious asphalt runoff and heavy metals discharge from a far greater number of parked vehicles.

Ala Moana Park Carrying Capacity Study Is Needed

Ala Moana Park, as the local "People's Park," is used by 4 million people annually – more than any other recreational public park in the State. Yet the SMA permit application now envisions that the objective of the proposed redevelopment of Ala Moana Park is to create a "venue for large permitted activities in Honolulu that attract participants worldwide."

Notably, the City and County of Honolulu has determined the need for carrying capacity studies for historic Kapi'olani Park as well as the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve. The Special Management Area permit application does not address this critical consideration, but instead showcases expanded accommodations for many more cars within Ala Moana Park's existing historic green open space.

2. Multi-Use Facility Development in Ala Moana Park's Historic Lawn Bowling Green Area (Proposal 16)

The lawn bowling area was designed and established in the late 1930's as one of Ala Moana Park's original recreational amenities, and is used and enjoyed today by local residents as well as visitors.

An undefined "multi-use facility" development in Ala Moana Park within and/or near the historic bowling green area raises red flags. While additional open-space activities are mentioned here, i.e., shuffle board, horseshoe throwing, or other outdoor games to complement the bowling green, the open-ended description of the "facility" can be interpreted as an invitation to compromise the historic park design and landscape in the future with incompatible structural development.

Questions: Why is the "multi-use facility" masked with an absence of definition? What is the city administration's true intent for the future use of this site? If this open-ended element cannot be clearly defined it should not be listed in the SMA permit application.

3. Concrete Mixed-Use Redevelopment of the Historic Canal and Traditional Shoreline Pedestrian Pathway (Proposal 3)

Ala Moana Park's pathways are used by a vast majority of pedestrian recreational park-users. These pedestrians should retain the right-of way to use the pathway as it was designed and intended. Ala Moana Park's pathways were not intended as a bicycle thoroughfare to connect commuting areas and crowd out myriad park users.

The historic character and integrity of Ala Moana Park's canal should be retained, restored, protected and preserved, not partially covered by 25-foot wide pedestrian bridges/walkways for wider access to the Park. The concrete expansions to 25 feet in width covering the historic canal for bicycle transit constitute an unwarranted intrusion into the historic shoreline pathway treasured and enjoyed by myriad pedestrian Park users. The proposed structural expansions covering the canal introduce a conflicting use, causing serious concern. A bicycle thoroughfare does not belong in a passive Park and shoreline environment, with bicycles crowding out beach and park users. Transportation thoroughfare lanes, including those for bicycles, must be restricted to the street corridor with traffic controls.

This misguided proposed mixed-use redevelopment of the scenic canal converts it to a sterile, heat-generating hardscape not in keeping with the historic character and integrity of Ala Moana Park. The SMA permit application does not address the adverse impacts on the historic integrity of the canal by the proposed expansion of pedestrian walkways, removal of historic bridges, construction of culverts within the canal, and the cutting of historic canal walls.

Four secondary pedestrian entry points into Ala Moana Park from Ala Moana Boulevard are enabled by openings in the Park's historic boundary wall with a pedestrian bridge crossing the canal near each access point. Multiple access points to encourage pedestrian flow from the surrounding high-density area and to reduce vehicular traffic at the main entrances of the Park can be achieved without compromising the historic character and integrity of the Ala Moana Canal by removing the existing bridges.

It matters little if the historic secondary main entrances, historic pedestrian bridges and historic park boundary walls are “offline with the street’s crosswalks” at the Pi’ikoi Street and Queen Street intersections. In fact, the historic walls provide a protective safety and sound barrier separating the busy street from the Park. The historic character and integrity of these elements must remain intact, as intended, as these historic features significantly prevail over utilitarian crosswalk facilities from which pedestrians can nevertheless easily access the Park by walking a short distance to the secondary entrances.

Notably, the EIS renderings for this proposal illustrate that the historic character of Ala Moana Park’s frontage and its historic interior landscape would be seriously compromised with the removal of the historic walls and with the canopy trees missing in the distance looking toward the shoreline. These significant features are instead replaced by a bare landscape absent the cooling canopies of the trees, and by sidewalk plants of a very small scale that would be easily trampled, biked over and otherwise damaged. There is also a question of the city’s ability to garner sufficient funds to sustain and maintain the illustrated ground cover fringe of delicate grasses, flowers and small shrubs along the busy street.



The historic Ala Moana Park walls and trees beyond to the shoreline are proposed to be removed.

Question: Why is the city administration pursuing destruction of the historic and protective Ala Moana Park walls along Ala Moana Boulevard and sacrificing shade trees to the shoreline?

4. Shoreline Dog Park and Waste Station Development within the Ala Moana Park Historic Landscape and Lei of Green Connection (Proposal 1)

In addition to the Nauru Tower, 1350 Ala Moana, and the Yacht Harbor Towers located along Ala Moana Boulevard, several new residential condominium towers have now been developed across from Ala Moana Park, including the Waiea, Anaha, ‘A’ali’i, Gateway Towers, Park Lane, 1133 Waimanu, 12 Waihonua, Koolani, and Hokua. A fenced dog park and dog waste station adjacent to the shoreline is now proposed for adjacent dog owners as an exclusive use of public recreational open space, just as they have had beach chairs, tables and picnicware set out in large areas on the public beach for their exclusive use.³

The EIS states, “One of the goals is to bring activity to areas of the Park that are overlooked” and claims that the area proposed for a fenced dog park is “underutilized and away from the more active areas of the Park.” Yet this area is contiguous to the Kamake’e Street entrance to the Park now slated for revitalization with pedestrian entrance portals and improved landscaping. Moreover, this area is part of the long-sought Lei of Green park connection

³ See May 18, 2018 Civil Beat report:

<https://www.civilbeat.org/2018/05/these-blue-beach-chairs-are-pissing-off-hawaii-locals/>

between Ala Moana Park and Kewalo Basin Park to complete the shoreline Lei of Green between Diamond Head and Aloha Tower.⁴

The developers of high-density condominium towers should be required to provide their own dog parks and sunbathing areas for their tower communities to ensure that there are no further negative impacts on public park and beach users. Dog poop does not belong within the shoreline Lei of Green open space connection between Ala Moana Park and Kewalo Basin Park.

Question: Why is the city administration not requiring developers of nearby residential towers to install dog park and accessory waste stations within their own ultra-luxury developments as part of their park dedication requirements for such developments?

This is a public park – the “People’s Park.” We note Star Advertiser poll results demonstrating that 60% of the poll’s respondents did not want a dog park at this location. A fenced dog park within this established public park would constitute an exclusive, restricted use of public park land for dogs and their owners.

Moreover, serious consideration must focus on myriad dog waste residue percolating into the permeable park soil when assisted by park irrigation and rainstorms into the shoreline system, to the populated beach and out into the recreational shoreline waters. The SMA permit application must identify underground water sources within Ala Moana Park boundaries and the potential adverse effects of animal waste within the confines of the proposed Dog Park discharged into its porous surface and the cumulative impacts to the surrounding beach and shoreline waters.

5. Exclusive-Use Carnival Theme Park Consuming Historic Recreational Open Space (Proposal 14)

The city’s original Ala Moana Park improvement master plan primarily focused on repairing and enhancing existing elements within the historic park. Yet now comes the Supplemental EIS describing a large scale one-acre “world-class” carnival theme redevelopment with a capacity for 500 children, inclusive of new hills and six zip lines with elevated discs on overhead tracks, a spinning globe for riders inside and outside, multi-seat swings and a rocking assembly, all sponsored by nearby tower developers advertised on a precedent plaque in the Park.



Star Advertiser 12-3-18

⁴ See: Kaka’ako Makai Master Plan adopted by the Hawaii Community Development Authority

While for decades traditional swings and monkey bars have been perennially popular with children of all ages, and age-appropriate play equipment for children with disabilities is also needed, zip lines on fake hills would appear to be a slippery slope for such children as well as a liability to the city.

In contrast to published representations by the city administration, community feedback at open meetings has been strongly opposed to this proposal, as one that takes historic recreational open space from the larger public for an exclusive use that would be far more compatible adjacent to the Children's Discovery Center and existing hills used by families for sliding in nearby Kaka'ako Makai.

Questions: When Ala Moana Park users are calling for "more showers and cleaner bathrooms," why is the city administration mimicking a unique use of a nearby park at an estimated expense of \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000; and why is a nearby developer with park dedication requirements for its own ultra-luxury developments using regional public park land for this purpose?

Ala Moana Park is a passive park. It is a playground for all ages where children can run around, play games, throw balls, etc. According to a regular park user: "This park is a true people's park. It needs to remain that way, simple, clean, safe and naturally beautiful."

6. Relocation of the Park Maintenance Base Yard (Proposal 15)

Relocation of the maintenance base yard away from the waterfront is warranted. This utility facility is presently contiguous to the site where Duke Kahanamoku, a founder of the Waikiki Yacht Club, maintained his office until the day of his death. Because relocation of the maintenance base yard should also not interfere with Ala Moana Park's historic landscape and recreational open spaces, this facility should be relocated outside the Ala Moana recreational open space.

Instead, the city administration now proposes to plant the utilitarian maintenance base yard with its numerous maintenance vehicles at an undetermined location "more central" in the Park, again consuming vital shoreline recreational green open space. As with the "multi-use facility" development in Ala Moana Park's historic lawn bowling green area, if this open-ended element and its location cannot be clearly defined and disclosed it should not be listed in the SMA permit application.

7. Ocean Safety Facility Relocation (Proposal 17)

The city claims that Ocean Safety facility relocation details "have not been designed or determined." Thus it appears that the city administration and project consultants have not consulted with adjoining land managers. The Ocean Safety Headquarters was planned to be located at Kewalo Basin with immediate access to the ocean for rescue craft, as stipulated in the Kaka'ako Makai Master Plan adopted by the Hawaii Community Development Authority and now transferred to the city. Further, the Honolulu Ocean Safety Division was well-represented during discussions for this community-based Master Plan, and assisted with its beneficial outcome advocating for a centrally-located Ocean Safety Headquarters facility with first-responder access to Ala Moana Beach, Kewalo Basin Beach Park, and Kaka'ako Waterfront Park Beaches and nearby hospitals and medical clinics for timely treatment in emergency situations.

In contrast, the city administration now proposes to relocate the Ocean Safety operations office to the present Ala Moana Park maintenance yard facility in a cramped remote corner where access is often blocked by streams of cars entering and exiting Ala Moana Park at its main entrance. This poor planning needs to be rethought and therefore should not be listed in the SMA permit application.

Restoration and Preservation of Historic Structures

Ala Moana Park's Historic Roosevelt Portals at Atkinson Drive (Proposal 8)

The plan to restore, protect and preserve the historically significant art deco Roosevelt Portals at the Atkinson Drive entrance to Ala Moana Park as a welcoming pedestrian entrance to the Park is commendable, and the EIS renderings of the restored and preserved historic portals and enhanced main entrance to Ala Moana Park are impressive.



Proposed improvements to Roosevelt Gate and entry plaza

However, there is presently a horrendous industrial blight fronting and assaulting this historic feature, one side of which is now surrounded by a huge horseshoe of bright blue "Biki" blight lodged in a large storage station at location "3". There are no bus depots or taxi barns harbored in any of Honolulu's Parks, and bicycle storage depots are no different. This alien facility must be removed, segmented and disbursed to appropriate unobtrusive locations that are not cumulative storage stations reserved for commercial monopolies overtaking the Park, but simply equally disbursed bicycle racks for any and all Park users. As the bicycle cartel continues to be cozy with the city administration, aggressive plans continue for more than 260 daily commercial Biki rentals generated within the Ala Moana Park historic landscape at eight (8) Biki enterprise storage stations:



As expressed by the project consultant in a required review reply to the subject enterprise's representative, "Biki Bikes are not currently in the Master Plan. What we heard from the public is that they don't want the Park to be commercialized."

Questions: Why is the city administration allowing this commercial monopolization blight to visually impact the significant historic entrance to Ala Moana Park, and when will this infrastructure blight be removed and incrementally relocated?

Ala Moana Park's Historic Canal and Bridle Bridge

The SMA permit application does not include repair of the Bridle Bridge and canal walls, which have been identified in Ala Moana Park environmental disclosure documents as part of the proposed redevelopment project. The Ala Moana Park Canal and Bridle Bridge were originally designed as part of the series of connecting paths within the between Ala Moana Park and Kapi'olani Park, and were completed with Ala Moana Park in 1934. Restoration of the canal and bridge should be disclosed in the SMA permit application and done in a historically appropriate manner to preserve their original character and serve as functional reminders of Ala Moana Park's history.

Conclusion

As highlighted above, the questionable components of the proposed redevelopment plan clearly do not comport with the historic integrity and shoreline recreational green open space character of Ala Moana Park, "the People's Park." The SMA permit application does not evaluate Ala Moana Park's fourteen (14) historic features as a whole, and any impacts to these must be considered comprehensively and cumulatively, because any changes to their integrity can impact the historic status of the Park.

Returning to the Purpose and Need for such extreme redevelopment, the city administration has stated in their Ala Moana Park redevelopment environmental disclosure documents that the City primarily has a commitment to public safety for its park users while restoring the historical and popular features. Beyond this, "(m)aximizing usage of other features and spaces" has not been shown to be conducive to protecting and preserving Ala Moana Park's historic character and integrity.

The SDEIS Purpose section states that a) "the long-term goal for the Park's revitalization is to maintain and improve the grounds and facilities while remaining true to its local character as 'The People's Park;'" b) Ala Moana Park receives the most usage compared to other parks in the State with 3 to 4 million annual visitors, and serves as one of the few large beach parks in Honolulu; and c) many park users visit daily or several times weekly because the Park can accommodate large gatherings with a generous amount of park and beach space with Parking. In contrast, the city administration now wants to change the popular traditional uses of historic Ala Moana Park because the surrounding high-density new urban residential development and the encroaching potential rail transit development near the Park will be flooding more people into the Park. Therefore, the city administration's redevelopment of historic Ala Moana Park is more specifically for the purpose of serving the new developments surrounding it despite the continuing needs of local residents island-wide, and a carrying capacity determination for the Ala Moana Park shoreline recreation area is now needed before all else.

It is also acknowledged that the larger community and current park users have expressed a strong desire to retain the Park's character, and there is no desire to convert the Park to an upscaled "world class" venue with added attractions and structures. But all is left to a forthcoming master plan to provide "full details" over several years once the EIS and general permitting process is completed.

However, while the city administration acknowledges the project's need "to restore the aging and deteriorating facilities to a sustainable standard that will comply with current policies and regulations," the city administration's intent to redevelop Ala Moana Park is clear with the claim that "(t)he Proposed Action is needed to accommodate the anticipated volume of visitors associated with the projected population growth of Hawai'i residents." Clearly this targeted focus overlooks the need for the City and County of Honolulu to ensure adequate public park and recreational open space island-wide in view of such anticipated growth.

In conclusion, the city administration has been embarking on a careless incursion of redevelopment within the Ala Moana Park registered historic shoreline landscape, beloved by Hawai'i's residents for its green recreational open space, that has been reserved and preserved as a legacy for present and future generations. Therefore, given the significant cumulative negative impacts of this redevelopment proposal, the Special Management Area Use Permit for the Ala Moana Park and Magic Island redevelopment proposal should be **DENIED.**

Ala Moana "Playground" Provision within SMA Resolution 20-021

To recap what I said before regarding the resolution to find an alternate site for a 1 acre "Playground" within Ala Moana Park:

Here's what "We The People" will be giving up:

- **Precious Park & Green space:**

We need preservation & conservation, not commercialization!

- **Peace and quiet:**

Loud music, kids, teenagers, zip lines, splash downs...Are you kidding me!

- **Parking:**

It's already bad.... amusements ain't going to make it better!

- **Crime free space:**

More people - more crime....Guaranteed!

- **Dog free space:**

Dog poop now, much more poop later - Gross!

- **Litter free space:**

Think....rubbish everywhere! Yuck!

- **Happy park users:**

Try strolling along the park path with the amusements in your face. Kinda spoils the experience, don't it?

- **Respect for the Mayor:**

All time low now. Might redeem himself. Worth a try!

To be totally fair, what "We The People" will be gaining:

- **Happy "Park Lane" residents and their grand-kids:** Yippee!

- **Sewage and drainage back-ups:** More pressure on inadequate systems that are already there. Lucky us!

In conclusion, Please keep the "playground" provision out of the SMA Use Permit recommendation!

Better yet, Do Not Support Resolution 20-021 at all, but rather create a new Master Plan that's more in line with the People's wishes. It'll go a long way towards a happier and brighter future for all concerned.

Much Aloha and Mahalo,

John Kobelansky Jr.

Instructor, owner of JJs Swim and Fitness

Kakaako United

KFANS (kakaako friends and neighbors)

Friends of Kewalos

Friends of Sharon Moriwaki

Citizens Patrol, District 1